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SUBJECT: SENAT REFLECTIONS ON SOVIET ATTITUDES TOWARD FRG ELECTION

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1. DURING CONVERSATION ON AUGUST 13 WITH CHANCELLERY CHIEF
HERZ ON ANOTHER MATTER, MISOFF ASKED HIM WHETHER HE HAD
HEARD RUMOR THAT SOVIETS MIGHT FAVOR CDU VICTORY IN OCTOBER.
HERZ SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD RUMOR AND WOULD BE INCLINED TO
DOUBT THAT IT REPRESENTED TRUE SOVIET DESIRES. HE NOTED
THAT SOVIETS ARE USUALLY INCLINED TO STICK WITH WHAT THEY KNOW
AND NOT VENTURE INTO UNKNOWN--CDU GOVERNMENT WOULD REPRESENT
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UNKNOWN. FURTHERMORE, HONECKER MEETING WITH GAUS, WHICH

CONTRIBUTED TO LESSENING OF TENSIONS BETWEEN FRG AND GDR, CAME RIGHT AFTER HONECKER SAW ABRASIMOV.

2. SIMILAR VIEWS VOICED FEW DAYS LATER BY SENATOR STOBBE, WHO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SOVIETS HAD ADOPTED BASIC HANDS OFF ATTITUDE TOWARDS ELECTION. IF ANYTHING, STOBBE SAID, THIS WOULD BENEFIT SPD/FDP COALITION SINCE SOVIET EFFORT TO INTERFERE ON COALITION'S BEHALF, WERE IT TO BE UNDERTAKEN, WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE HANDLED IN EMBARRASSINGLY CLUMSY MANNER WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR THE COALITION. GEORGE

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